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NATIONAL LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Guidelines for opening national long distance telephony to private sector has been formulated;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Planning Commission has made some suggestions to be incorporated in guidelines;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per Annexure-I

(c) to (e): Planning Commission had made suggestions on the issue of the area of operation of the National Long Distance operators and also the number of entrants in this field. Suggestions of the Planning Commission were taken into consideration while deciding the guidelines for the entry of private sector in National Long Distance telephony.